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## Seahawks face Patriots in Super Bowl XLIX

By Gabby Gamez  
Staff reporter

A dynasty vs. a one-time Super Bowl Champion is the showdown that will have spectators on the edge of their seats to see who will win Super Bowl XLIX.

The New England Patriots return to the contest for the sixth time to challenge the Seattle Seahawks who are vying to win back-to-back Super Bowl titles.

With the magic duo of Bill Belichick and Tom Brady, the Patriots have a 180-55 record. Brady is pursuing his fourth championship ring.

Brady enters this contest with 64.1 completion percentage in all of his Super Bowl appearances combined. Brady has thrown a total of 156 passes completing 100 of them making him the third highest in Super Bowl history in completion percentage.

Countering the historically impressive Patriots stats, the Seahawks have the league's best defense. Seattle enters the game with six postseason wins under their belts. Third-year quarterback Russell Wilson holds a 10-0 record against quarterbacks who

have already won a Super Bowl.

Braden Langston, business junior, said believes the Seahawks will win. "Russell Wilson is a playmaker when needed," he said. Wilson has a 36-12 record, making him the most successful quarterback during his first three seasons.

Connor Seaba, chemistry junior, predicts the Patriots will win. He said, "Once established, a solid running game with LeGarrette Blount will open the crossing routes for Gronkowski and Edelman."

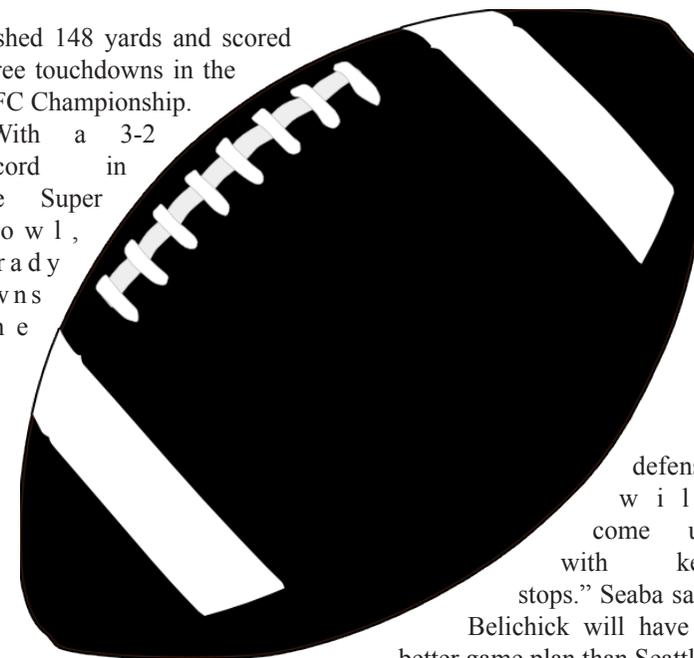
Rob Gronkowski, Patriots tight end, completed 82 catches and 12 touchdowns during the regular season, receiving the most touchdown passes in NFL history in his first five seasons.

With two key running backs, this championship game will show off both teams' "Beast Mode" running back power. Seattle's Marshawn Lynch, at 5 foot-11 inches, 250 pounds, had 25 carries and ran 154 yards with one touchdown in the NFC Championship game.

Countering the Seahawks, the Patriots LeGarrete Blount, 6 foot 250 pounds, had 30 carries,

rushed 148 yards and scored three touchdowns in the AFC Championship.

With a 3-2 record in the Super Bowl, Brady owns the



defense will come up with key stops." Seaba said Belichick will have a better game plan than Seattle. Luis Reyes, business administration senior, said, "I will be watching the game at the STUFU Super Bowl party where the free food will be."

The New England Patriots and the Seattle Seahawks will face each other at 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 1 at the University of Phoenix stadium in Glendale, Ariz.

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## 'Deflatriots' defend unsportsmanlike trend

By Jonahs Joudrey  
Staff reporter

As the Super Bowl approaches, cheating allegations continue to riddle their unsportsmanlike stink in the NFL. One game before the Super Bowl, the New England Patriots have been accused of underinflating their footballs to gain the competitive edge.

Controversy is nothing new to the New England Patriots, or for that matter, almost any professional sporting association.

In 2007, the Patriots were accused, convicted, and fined by the NFL of video spying of the New York Jet's coaching signals.

The newest accusation occurred during a playoff game versus the Indianapolis Colts. The incident occurred when D'Qwell Jackson, Colts linebacker, felt suspicious that game ball was softer than

usual.

Under inspection, referees found that 11 of the 12 game balls were significantly underinflated by at least two pounds per square inch.

While the Patriots are under the spotlight right now, the Seattle Seahawks are not innocent of allegations, either. In 2012, Brandon Browner, Seahawk cornerback, was suspended for violating the NFL's drug policy for testing positive for Adderall, perhaps used for performance enhancing capabilities.

In just about every professional sporting association, or college sports, I can recall an incident of cheating allegations.

Sports stronghold our cultural preference, but to what cost? What kind of message does a winning-at-all-costs perspective send to future athletes, to Ameri-

can children, teens, and fans? Where do we draw the line and say enough is enough?

When do we see examples of actual good sportsmanship?

The answer I have is rarely. I can say that collectively I hear a lot more bad stories of sportsmanship than good.

Recently, my newsfeed has blown-up during an incident at the Australian Open.

The Australian Open is one of four tennis grand slam events, the holy grail of tournaments in the tennis world. Rafael Nadal, world number three, recently played world 112 Tim Smyczek. In a five-set battle, Nadal was going to hit a serve to put him one point away from winning the match. A member of the audience yelled during his service toss and Nadal's serve went out.

Smyczek gestured at the umpire

to allow Nadal to re-serve as a gesture of sportsmanship. Nadal praised him in post-match interview.

According to the New York Times, Nadal's public relations manager hailed Smyczek's gentlemanly behavior, saying, "I think he [Smyczek] deserves the sportsmanship award for the next 10 years, and I'm going to be pushing for that... I've never seen that, and I've been in tennis for 19 years. Unbelievable."

The viral reaction on the Internet to Smyczek's relatively minor act of sportsmanship goes to show our desperate craving for sportsmanship.

Super Bowl XLIX is only days away. What will we do to win?

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